B I R D C A L E N D A R : 13 th. YEAR

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The past season has been favorable upon the whole to Bird-Life: an exceptionally mild autumn with no severe frosts until the middle of November was followed by a winter of about the average intensity; severe blizzards were infrequent; the ground was seldom long covered with heavy snows, and fruit buds, up to the present are uninjured. Winter resident birds, nevertheless, appear to have been less abundant than for many years, and rarely have so few winter visitors been reported. Deficient observation may account for the apparent lack of resident birds, but the absence of winter visitants clearly points to an abundant food supply farther north.

Early migratory birds must be hard-pressed for food to eat the berries of the stag horn or smooth sumac, but on March 16, Professor Hulme counted ten bluebirds and four robins on a single bush of this plant.

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E a r l y R e c o r d s C o m p a r e d

	Robin	Song Sparrow	Bluebird	Bronzed Grackle
1905	Mar. 8.....	Mar. 5.....	Mar. 10.....	Mar. 10
1906	Feby. 22.....	Feby. 25.....	Feby. 20.....	Feby. 25
1907	Mar. 11.....	Mar. 15.....	Mar. 15.....	Mar. 15
1908	Feby. 20.....	Mar. 11.....	Mar. 4.....	Mar. 11
1909	Feby. 6*.....	Feby. 22.....	Feby. 22.....	Mar. 1
1910	Jany. 9*.....	Jany. 25*.....	Mar. 1.....	(omitted)
1911	Feby. 17.....	Feby. 27.....	Mar. 9.....	Mar. 10
1912	Mar. 18.....	Feby. 25.....	Mar. 19.....	Mar. 19
1913	Feby. 20.....	Feby. 18.....	Mar. 13.....	Mar. 14
1914	Feby. 18.....	Mar. 15.....	Mar. 15.....	Mar. 17
1915	Feby. 20.....	Feby. 21.....	Feby. 20.....	Mar. 2
1916	Mar. 7.....	Mar. 13.....	Mar. 13.....	Mar. 18
1917	Feby. 26.....	Mar. 1.....	Mar. 1.....	Mar. 2
* Probably resident				

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W i n t e r B i r d s

(Commonly resident, visitant from the north, or exceptionally resident for the winter.)

1. Chickadee; Common during winter.
2. Blue Jay; Occasional in winter.
3. Golden-crowned Kinglet; Seldom reported. Apr. 18, Wade Park; many; Apr. 21, Noble Rd., Mrs. R.
4. Downy Woodpecker; Rather less abundant than usual.
5. Hairy Woodpecker; Occasional during the winter; reported by Mr. Katz in Wade Park, March 24.
6. White-bellied Nuthatch; Common during winter.

7. Junco; Seldom reported
8. Cardinal; Less common than usual.
9. American Crow; First seen in February.
10, Tree Sparrow; Common, and in song in early March.
11. Sparrow Hawk; Reported in January by Professor Hulme.
12. Screech Owl; Reported as heard March, Lakeview by Miss Emilie Arnold.
13. Pine Grosbeak (?) 3 in Wade Park, March 24; reported by Mr. Katz.

S p r i n g B i r d s

(Migratory from the south.)

14. Robin; Adelbert College Campus, Feb'y. 26; Noble Rd., Mrs. Ruedy. Reported in different parts of the city and suburbs shortly after this date. Several all winter in Mr. Barkirk's nursery, Independence Mr.Schweikher).
15. Song Sparrow; Mar. 1, Lakeview, Miss Emilie Arnold. Mar. 2, Noble Road. Miss Ruth Garry. Mar. 8, Wade Park, Mr. Maurice Grossberg. Mar. 9, in song, Rockefeller Blvd. Mar. 25, with nest in ground, half finished, Euclid Creek, Professor Breitenbecher.
16. Bluebird; Mar. 1, near Wade Park, Miss Emilie Arnold; Mar. 3, four, Stop 16, Euclid, O., E.C.Myers.
17. Grackle; Mar. 2 Adelbert College Campus, one, Mrs. R. Spencer. Mar. 6, Cleveland Heights, Miss Hellwig. Abundant by the middle of the month.
18. Kingfisher; Mar. 4, Cleveland Heights, Mr. Ryder
19. Flicker; Feby. 20, Cleveland, Mrs. Hulme (possibly resident, here for winter). Mar. 6, College for Women Campus, Mrs. A. Teachout. April 7, Clevel. Hts. Mrs. S. Louise Patterson.
20. Killdeer; Mar. 10, College for Women Campus, Professor Hulme. Mar. 11, Noble Rd., Mrs. Ruedy. Mar. 11, Cleveland Heights, Mrs. Louise Patterson.
21. Cedarbird; Flock of 22, Independence, Ohio, Mr. F.P.Schweikher. (possibly Resident for winter). Mar. 11, flock, Euclid Creek, Mr. Evert Myers. May 4, flock of 50, Rockefeller Blvd, near Euclid Ave.; May 15, Cleveland Prof. Hulme.
22. Meadow Lark; Mar. 11, Noble Rd., Mrs. Ruedy, and Miss Gertrude Bogart; also Cleveland Hts., Mr. F. P. Schweikher; also Cleveland Hts., Mrs. Louise Patterson.
23. Canada Goose; March 4 (about), flock, and Mar. 11, another Noble Rd. Miss Taylor.
24. Pied-billed Grebe; Mar. 20-26 (about), Wade Park pond; seen by many. Seen as late as April 4.
25. Mourning Dove; Mar. 20, three, Lake Shore Blvd., Professor Hulme.
26. Hermit Thrush; Mar. 20, Wade Park, Professor Hulme; (one)
27. Purple Martin; Mar. 24, males and females, Norwalk, Mr. H.W. Sheldon.
28. Phoebe; Mar. 25, Shaker Lakes, Professor Hulme; same date, heard, Euclid Creek, Professor Breitenbecher; May 18, Cleveland, Mrs. A.B.Myers.
29. Redwing Blackbird; Mar. 25, Noble Rd., Mrs. Ruedy; one.